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Situation Report Severe Storms December 12, 2007, 10:00 a.m.

SUMMARY

A second cold frontal boundary collided with moisture streaming coming from the Gulf of Mexico, causing a line of freezing rain and sleet to cover Northwest Missouri. This storm has moved across Missouri Monday night (12/10) and yesterday (12/11). SEMA activated the State Emergency Operations Center to Level Two Sunday. Governor Blunt has declared a State Emergency freeing up state resources to assist the local units of government. **Two Missouri residents have reportedly died as a result of this series of storms.** One occurred Sunday when a man from southern Boone County cutting down a tree with a chainsaw was hit by another falling tree. The other fatality was a Missouri National Guardsman killed while assisting a stranded motorist in Callaway County (U.S. 63). Governor Blunt visited several disaster sites Monday in Eldon, Jefferson City and Fulton.

The total number of customers without power is approximately 100,212 Ameren officials report 10,500 customers in Missouri are without power primarily north of a line from Jefferson City – St. Charles, Missouri. Ameren expects that power outages may last as late as Wednesday in Eldon and Jefferson City areas. 200 Additional linemen were requested from other utilities. Aquilla (Kansas City) reports 46,012 customers around St. Joseph and Kansas City are without power. Kansas City Power and Light has about 4,000 customers in the KC area with power. Empire Electric reports 22,800 without power primarily in Joplin and/or north of I-44. Missouri Electric Cooperative Association reports several Co-ops have requested help and crews from Arkansas and Kentucky are coming to Missouri. Statewide Cooperatives report 26,900 without power. MoDOT and Missouri State Highway Patrol are giving relief power crews priority.

County Reports:

Andrew County – Major tree damage and debris removal are a problem. There is a power outage in Savannah (6,000+ citizens). Power is out at the water plant and the sewage plant needs one. County is requesting additional security for Savannah.

Atchison County –. No power at the County EOC, which is now being operated out of the 911 Center. They may have problems with fuel due to power outages. Power is not expected to be fully restored anytime in the near future. **Power has been restored to parts of Fairfax, Tarkio and Westboro as of 6 pm Tuesday, even though some sporadic outages are being reported.**

Barton County –City of Lamar has three sub-stations open. Secondary lines will be worked this afternoon. Water – eight of the nine wells are back on line. One well is on generator. Boiling water order is still in effect. Golden City and Liberal have their power back on and are closing their shelter. Requesting to extend the National Guard.

Benton County – Shelters are closed. One warming center is still open.

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Boone County – Widespread outages in Southern Boone County. About 200 power outages are being addressed in the Ashland area. Hartsburg is without power.. North of Columbia is doing fine. Ashland is about the same. Hartsburg is improving. EOC will stand down on Wednesday.

Buchanan County – St. Joseph City EOC has been moved to alternate location due to power outage. 30,500 residents still without power. Most city emergency routes are cleared with secondary routes partially cleared. Power is back up at the hospital. Fire Department had about 250 calls, some being structural fires due to debris falling. Crews are pushing debris to side of road. Some freezing overnight, streets are being salted.

Caldwell County – Power is completely out in Clarksville, Stewartsville, Hamilton and Union Star. May need assistance due to shortages at DFS and ARC.

Callaway County – About 7,500 – 8,000 people in Callaway County are without power. Major issues with debris.

Cass County – EOC went on standby activation at 5:00 pm Monday. Street crews continuing to work 12-hour shifts to try and keep roads clear. No outside assistance requested as of 10:30 pm Monday.

Cedar County - Shelter with seven. Power on the west side of the County is still out.

Clinton County – Power is out in Gower.

Cole County – EMD reports 6,000+ county residents without power, including nearly 3,702 Ameren customers in Jefferson City. 1,000+ linemen are working the Jefferson City area.

Dade County – Power outages throughout the north part of the County.

Davies County – Power in the City of Gallatin has been on and off. Some rural areas without power.

DeKalb County – The city of Maysville is without power. The city of Cameron (which is also in Clinton County) declared a state of emergency at 1500 hrs Tuesday. At least 100 residences/business are without power. Crews are on scene attempting to restore power. Door-to-door checks by CERT and emergency services staff are underway.

Gentry County – Generator has been dispatched to power City Hall/EOC and Police functions.

Grundy County – Limbs down and minor power outages.

Harrison County – Scattered power outages with slush on the ground and ice in the trees.

Holt County – Numerous power outages and "looks like a war zone".

Jackson County –EOCs in Eastern Jackson and Kansas City are Level One alert. Public works crews and fire & police dispatch are monitoring road conditions and power situations. RACES volunteers have activated their spotter network and CERT volunteers are on standby. All critical facilities are open and working. Conditions are good in Kansas City according to City EMD. Jackson County reported scattered outages throughout the county. Roads are clear.

Jasper County – Joplin has 33,400 homes without power and another **17,700** out in the county. Utility is expected to take three to five days to restore power. They had 126 fire calls when power was restored and

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four structure fires- two of which were suspected of arson. City of Oronogo, (population 2,200) is still without power. County Road and Bridge cleared roads this morning in Oronogo (12/11).

Laclede County – A MoDOT worker was injured Sunday when his truck rolled over. EOC stood up to provide mutual aid to other jurisdictions. No reported power outages..

Lincoln County – 5,000 people without power. Requested generators for all of their shelters.

Livingston County – County was assessing damages Tuesday (12/11). Utility is keeping up with the outages. No requests for assistance at this time.

Miller County – Power is still out for 2,400 citizens as of Tuesday (12/11). Need debris removal teams.

Montgomery County – EMD reports there are power outages throughout his county. One nursing home is without power and their generator is not working. They requested a generator and are taking temporary steps to getting heat into the building. A second nursing home was also reported without electricity. EMD reports that he has seven warming stations open. The nursing home in Montgomery City is back on line with power. Water tower in High Hill, Missouri is off-line at this time.

Moniteau County - Most of the City of California is without power and two nursing homes reported power issues.

Morgan County – Reports one shelter in Laurie with 10 citizens from Laurie and Sunrise Beach. 1,500 homes without power and three people injured from falling tree limbs.

Newton County – Seneca still has some power issues.

Nodaway County – State of emergency declared Tuesday. Requesting 150 cots from American Red Cross and two MoNG personnel to transport them. 90% of the County was without power Wednesday morning (12/12) - 13,800 out. County officials had requested five generators. 40 Missouri Air National Guard are on duty in Nodaway County.

Osage County – Power outages reported in Argyle, Bonnets Mill, Westphalia, and Chamois.

Pike County - 2,5000 people without power. Water plant is operating on generator. Debris removal is the key item. **AmerenUE expects everybody to be back on line this afternoon (12/12)**

Polk County - Southwest Electric (Co-op) has about 3,000 customers without power mainly in the west end of the county. City of Bolivar stood down their EOC and Polk County reverted to Level One. Inlet Village has a lot of debris.

Randolph County – No Power outages. 23 AmerenUE customers without power due to traffic accident – pole replaced and power is back on.

Saint Clair County – An additional ¹/₄" of freezing rain received overnight Monday (12/10). City of Osceola had some power outages. Aquila has about 200 customers without power. Lots of debris needs to be removed to free up roads to do formal damage assessment. **One shelter with six people. Will change to a warming center. Debris removal is highest priority.**

Vernon County – Vernon County opened a warming center Tuesday (12/11). About 400 to 500 people are without power. Utility indicates that it will take about 3 to 7 days to restore. Only one request for assistance.

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Worth County – EMD has requested a generator for their warming shelter.

Weather

From National Weather Service (Kansas City) – Patchy light freezing drizzle will be possible this morning, mainly in area along and south of a line from Kansas City to Moberly. Temperatures have also fallen into the lower to middle 20s overnight. This is allowing BLACK ICE to form on many roadways. Those traveling this morning should use extra caution as many untreated roadways will appear to be dry, but they are slippery. There is a slight chance for light snow showers late tonight. The area will affected will mainly be south of a line from Butler to Boonville. No snow accumulations are expected with this activity. According to St. Louis Weather, rain is pushing into the southern portion of the State – precipitation will be light, freezing possible north of I-70. Thursday may be a dry day. Next weather system is due in Friday night into Saturday, primarily snow with some accumulations may happen in the southern portion of Missouri.

SEOC remains at Level Two activation to assist in filling requests and supporting local jurisdictions.

State Agencies

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} Adjutant General-177 & National Guardsman (Air and Army National Guard) on duty throughout the State. \end{tabular}$

Dept. of Conservation - Conservation is currently working three requests for help removing debris (Jasper, Newton and Cedar Counties). Conservation is preparing chainsaw/ equipment teams to deploy to all these areas at this time. **Cedar County has 4 Conservation people on debris removal teams. Jasper County has 12 people and Conservation is working with Nodaway County for their needs.**

Dept. of Elementary & Secondary Education – DESE has received no reports from school districts regarding any major problems.

Dept. of Health & Senior Services – DHSS Disaster Situation Room remains activated on 24-hour-a-day basis. DHSS-EMS moved two ambulances to Barton County at the request of the DMACC area coordinator.

Dept. of Natural Resources – DNR Water checking with local water districts to see if they are in need of assistance. Wellsville (Montgomery County) water system is having problems. DNR Director has signed a waiver on debris disposal, **a copy of the waiver is available on their website**.

Dept. of Social Services – Representative at SEOC to handle human services request. Working with private partners in setting up shelters throughout the State. DSS requests that the State EOC be notified when shelter requirements change; when open – when closed, etc. **Shelter information is available on their website.**

Dept. of Transportation – Low hanging power lines on U.S. 71 near Maryville in Nodaway County. Highway 79 is closed in Pike County. Road closures are still a problem in north Missouri. Please go to the MoDOT website for latest information. Multi-modal reported Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad is having problems with crossing signals not working. Trains are required to stop and flag all crossings. **Generators being used to operate the signals are being removed by unknown persons.**

Missouri State Highway Patrol. Troop F -Backup communications tower is out because of pole fire. **Troop H remains on generator power, but their phone lines have been fixed.**

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Missouri Information Analysis Center – Continues to provide situational awareness to SEMA

Office of Administration - 35 generators have been sent to locals. 2 requests are pending. OA would like to know when generators are no longer necessary, so that they can be reassigned to other parts of the State.

State Fire Marshal – Contacted Fire Mutual Aid in Troops C, H, A and B and they are on standby.

Federal Government:

FEMA – A liaison is at the State Emergency Operations Center. FEMA has activated the Region VII Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) in Kansas City to support state operations.

Non Government Organizations/Volunteer Organizations:

American Red Cross - Anyone with ARC shelter needs can contact the ARC through SEMA. Louisiana, Missouri (Pike County) shelter is still open. **MRE for St. Joseph is their priority.**

Salvation Army – Working on Cole County Shelters and also Jasper County shelters. Anyone with SA shelter needs can contact the SA through SEMA.

AmeriCorps -Two AmeriCorps volunteers are at the State EOC working the help line, putting together strike teams to assist communities in debris clearance. The AmeriCorps donations helpline number is **888-377-2100**. That number can also be used for emergency calls for warming centers and to get assistance for special needs populations.

County Shelter Summary: (As of 12/11/07 1810 hrs.)

Atchison: Four shelters with population of three. Andrew: One shelter (no population reported). Barton: Five shelters with population of 600. Benton: One shelter with population of one.

Boone: One shelter (no population reported) with one on standby.

Buchanan: Two shelters with 100+ population.

Callaway: One shelter with population of two. One Warming Center.

Camden: One shelter with population of 10. Cedar: One shelter with population of five.

Clay: One shelter (no population reported) with Warming Center in North Kansas City.

Clinton: Two shelters with 50-100 population. Cole: Two shelters with population of 29. Dade: One shelter (no population reported). Dekalb: Four shelters with population of 28.

Grundy: Shelters on standby.

Holt: Three shelters soon to be opened. Jackson: One shelter on standby.

Jasper: Five shelters with population of 272.

Lincoln: Three shelters (no population reported). Warming Center in Silex.

Miller: One shelter with population of 40. Moniteau: Warming Center in California.

Montgomery: Two shelters with population of 26. Warming Centers in Middletown with Wellsville

on standby.

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Morgan: One shelter (no population reported). Nodaway: Two Warming Centers in Maryville.

Osage: Three shelters (no population reported) with two on standby.

Pike: Two shelters with population of 10 with five on standby.

St. Clair: One shelter with population of five.

Warren: One shelter is now closed.

Point of Contact:

The State Emergency Management Agency can be contacted at 573-526-9100. This number will be staffed until further notice on a 24-hour basis.